

### **Amendments to the Specification**

- 1) Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

After proteolytical cleavage from its 18 amino acid long signal peptide, mature HRGP can be divided into three main regions: The N-terminal region, the His/Pro region and the C-terminal region, all displaying different properties. Furthermore, the three regions are suggested to be responsible for binding different ligands. The N-terminal region contains two cysteine protease inhibitor (cystatin)-like stretches (FIG. 1A), which allows the classification of HRGP as a member of the cystatin superfamily, together with .alpha.2HS glycoprotein, cystatin and kininogen, whereas the His/Pro region is very rich in proline and histidine residues resulting in e.g. the human form containing 12 more or less conserved tandem repeats of the pentapeptide HHPHG [SEQ ID NO: 32]. In plasma, both the His/Pro region and the C-terminal region are disulfide bonded to the cystatin-like stretches in the N-terminal region (Borza et al (1996)).

- 2) Please amend the application by replacing the existing sequence listing with the revised sequence listing submitted with the present response. The revised sequence listing includes reference to SEQ ID NO: 32, which sequence was disclosed in the original application. No new matter has been added.